

**APPROVED MINUTES/FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
April 20th 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 pm

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Ken Overlock, Steve Bennett. Also in attendance was Erna, Glenn Sporie, Sallyann Hadyniak, Marilyn Perry, Jim Waterman, Bob Gerrish, Brian Jones & Tim Biggs.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Minutes from April 6th 2015 were reviewed.

Ken/Steve, made motions, to accept as written and place on file; motions passed.

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CITIZEN'S ISSUES:

TREASURER:

Erna reported:

Payroll Warrant..... \$2,392.79

A/P Warrant..... \$50,560.44

Ending checkbook balance.....\$ 366,365.40

1. I mailed David Schofield his check after he dropped off key to Cindy
2. 2015 Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Form- Is this done?? I can't add revenue part of budget without it... Expense side is done... \$500 difference because of Brian adding Waldo County Woodshed from the floor.
3. Payroll Warrant this week is \$ 2,392.79 (clerk, deputy clerk, treasurer, secretary, cleaning lady & road crew) Ken/Ron moved to accept and sign the payroll; motion passed.
4. A/P this week is \$50,560.44 (Maritime, CMP, Freedom General, Thorndike Auto, Ingraham Equipment, PERC, Traction, BMV, Fairpoint, AAA, April School Payment-\$45,242, Mac's, Yeaton's, Travis Price, Town of Knox, Kelly & Collins & Cindy Abbott) Steve/Ken moved to accept and sign the A/P warrant; motion passed.
5. Ending Checkbook balance.....\$366,365.40
6. I worked with Steve last week on 2014 winter roads budget. I had an error of \$697.26 (the last total to add) so new total was \$115,922.46 without insurance amount that Steve has gotten. Payroll totals include what town takes out for taxes and pays later at end of each quarter.
7. I have talked with Sean Rudman from key bank... Sean's response:  
I wanted to let you know that two fee waivers have been credited back to the towns account in the amounts of \$276.37 and \$268.66. As a courtesy we chose to waive the full month analysis charges for the prior two months rather than just the Key Capture related charges. Key Capture has been discontinued. As soon as you are ready please feel free to close the account. Thank you again for your business and please do not hesitate to let Mike or I know if there is anything else that we can do to be of assistance in the future.  
There are two outstanding checks... Dottie Holmes & Special Olympics.I would like permission to reissue these and close key bank account

Ken/Ron made motion to reissue those checks and close the account. All in favor.

8. I have worked with Brenda from Trio... All deductions for Aflac in payroll have been entered and started this week. It was also set up that at the end of month a check will be automated for AFLAC. We have it set up in a General fund account because a few employees after first payment will be paying from home. But their first payments will be paid thru Cindy-cash receipting.

9. Brenda and I are still working on positive pay... this might cost the town another 300 unless I can get bank to just accept a copy that I email them with info.

10. State Unemployment (UC-1) form is very hard to read. After talking with Brenda she is contacting them as well as I am. There is no actual place that says Remit this amount. There are totals for past months across bottom. Still a work in progress.

11. Still waiting to hear back from Valarie Moody from Bank of Maine on the 941 issue with download and about positive pay-just emailing or does it have to be a download.

12. I contacted Ethan Andrews about his article with a few questions- he sent me the following and the article back in 2009 when recommitment had been done (in your paperwork) Total Paid To Citizens in 2009 was \$57,916.43 (Ron, Cindy & I spent awhile researching who was paid, amounts & what Beaver Ridge has given back to town in donations over the years \$27,500)  
Hi Ernestine,

Thank you for the update. I've had a few questions about my mention of a "bookkeeping problem" in my recent article about BRW's abatement request. Here's the passage, for context: "CES touted the tax benefits of the \$10 million project, which amounted to around a quarter of the town's total valuation at the time. Representatives promised a 27-percent cut in local property taxes if the development went through.

That estimate wasn't incorrect, but the benefits were short-lived and mostly consumed by an unrelated bookkeeping problem discovered by town officials that required an across-the-board bump in local valuations."

This is in reference to when Mike Rogers came in 2009. I wrote about that process in some detail in the article attached here.

Ethan Andrews

13. I sent Ingraham Equipment a fax with all counter slips I have paid. We are off \$83.02 Rodney is going to investigate which slips we are still missing and needs to be paid. I have also asked when road crew comes in after parts to give them the copy so we can have who signed for it and they can write what it was for.

14. Glenn would like to go into executive session to talk about his pay... I have a Wage 2015 for whatever decision was made I have also given you copy of DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FORCE ACCOUNT CONSTRUCTION 2015 LABOR REIMBURSEMENT AND PRIVATE EQUIPMENT RATES to look over

Steve/Ken moved to accept Treasurer's Report; motion passed.

TOWN CLERK:

Cindy reported:

Land Raffle- Cindy talked to State Gaming... The Town is not a nonprofit group and therefore it is illegal for the Town to conduct a game of chance.

Appointments:

Planning Board Committee- Prentis Grassi still is interested. Cindy left a message for Kevin Malady and Drew Fales.

Appeals Board- both Michael Smith and Tim Biggs still would like to be on the committee and Cindy left a message for Addison Chase.

FIRE DEPT:

GENERAL ASSISTANCE:

ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

ASSESSOR'S:

CEO/LPI:

PUBLIC WORKS:

HISTORICAL:

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Cemetery Committee:

Budget Committee:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Ken/Ron motion to adjourn meeting 0:00 pm

Next AP/Warrant signing meeting will be April 27th 2015 @ 6:00 pm  
(With a few other items approved at this meeting to be discussed)

Next Regular meeting will be May 4th 2015 @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary